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## **GROUP 3600**

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Harold R. Blomquist

Serial No. : 09/767,567

Filing Date : January 23, 2001

For : PROCESS FOR PREPARING

FREE-FLOWING PARTICULATE
PHASE STABILIZED AMMONIUM

NITRATE

Group Art Unit : 3641

Examiner : Edward A. Miller

Attorney Docket No. : TRW (VSSIM) 4820

Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1400

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process/for preparing a free-flowing, phase-stabilized ammonium nitrate, said process comprising the following steps:

preparing a solution of ammonium nitrate, a surfactant, an inert liquid, and an ammonium nitrate phase

